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| | <p align="center">Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting Minutes - Eastern May 19 2009 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Chesapeake Community College Wye Mills, MD</p> | |
| Agenda Item | Discussion | Decisions /Follow-up |
| Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions • Review of March's Minutes & Evaluations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim Meagher and Mary Yancey welcomed everyone and introductions occurred. | |
| Meeting Framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of RAC • Meeting Purpose | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim Meagher gave an overview of the RAC and explained the purpose of the meeting. • Tim reviewed the agenda. | |
| HIV Care Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glenn Clark Chief, Center for HIV Care Services AIDS Administration | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glenn Clark reviewed the HIV Care Priorities and the Allocation Formula for SY2010 – Eastern Region (handouts provided) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background • Brief Overview of Parts B&D • Minority AIDS Initiative • Health Services Support • HIV Health Services by Region • Health Services Support • Prioritization of HIV Care Needs • Priorities for Use of Part B Funding, Eastern Region • SFY10 Allocation Formula • Distribution of Part B Funds • The Maryland HIV Services Allocation Formula • Regional Allocations of Part B Funds from Allocation Formula SFY10 • Allocation Variables-Eastern Region • Public Comments Regarding the Allocation Formula | |



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| <p>Epidemiology Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colin Flynn, Chief of the Center for Surveillance and Epidemiology AIDS Administration | <p>Colin Flynn presented HIV/AIDS in Eastern Region: An epidemiological Profile</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2007 AIDS Case Report Rates and Estimated Adult AIDS Prevalence Rates Maryland HIV/AIDS Trends Factors Affecting Maryland's Incidence Trends Maryland HIV/AIDS Prevalence Maryland Regional Advisory Committee Regions Maryland HIV/AIDS Prevalence by Region, 12/31/07 HIV/AIDS Trends Eastern HIV/AIDS Prevalence Eastern Eastern HIV/AIDS Prevalence by County, 12/31/07 HIV/AIDS Prevalence Rates per 100,000 Population by County, Eastern , 12/31/07 Population and HIV/AIDS Prevalence by Gender, Eastern HIV Incidence by Gender by Year of Diagnosis, Eastern Population and HIV/AIDS Prevalence by Race/Ethnicity, Eastern HIV Incidence by Race/Ethnicity by Year of Diagnosis, Eastern Population and HIV/AIDS Prevalence by Age, Eastern HIV Incidence by Age by Year of Diagnosis, Eastern Risk Categories Percent of Cases with Risk Reported through 12/31/08, by Year of HIV Diagnosis, Eastern HIV/AIDS Prevalence by Risk, Eastern , 12/31/07 HIV/AIDS Prevalence by Risk across Gender, Eastern , 12/31/07 HIV Incidence by Risk by Year of Diagnosis, Eastern HIV/AIDS in the Eastern Region HIV/AIDS in the Eastern Region: Demographics HIV/AIDS in the Eastern Region: Transmission Risk <p>Questions:</p> <p>Q: With the estimated CDC rates mentioned in the presentation, would that help with the numbers?</p> <p>A: Yes, it could be good because it will give people a better answer. Estimates are okay as</p> | |
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| | long as you trust the source. | |
| Prevention Dialogue <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dionna Robinson, AIDS Administration | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dionna Robinson introduced the HIV Prevention Dialogue, reviewed the discussion objectives and provided an overview of the process. (handouts provided)What additional services or activities are needed to reduce HIV transmission? Dionna asked “What is HIV Prevention?” An activity, intervention or service that helps to prevent new HIV infections.Examples given of HIV Prevention during the presentation were: HIV Counseling, Testing and Referral, Behavioral Risk-Reduction Interventions, HIV Partner Services, Capacity Building and Training, Community Awareness and Public Information, Harm Reduction, and Outreach.RAC members divided into small groups and discussed the following questions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">What are the current prevention needs in your community?What services or activities are currently available in your community to reduce HIV transmission?What additional services or activities are needed to reduce HIV transmission?Dionna announced that the Maryland HIV Prevention Community Planning Group has two vacancies for the Eastern region. The Community Planning Group is responsible for developing and monitoring the Comprehensive HIV Prevention Plan for the state of Maryland. If you are interested in applying for membership, please contact Dionna Robinson. | |
| Wrap Up Community Input and Announcements | <ul style="list-style-type: none">There is a RAC meeting, Capacity Building Session, on June 10, 2009 10a.m.-2:00p.m. at Chesapeake Community College and June 11, 2009 4:30p.m.-8p.m. at the Radisson Cross Keys.The next Eastern RAC meeting will be September 29, 2009 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.Tim Meagher mentioned that it is important to have some representation from some of the local hospices.Attendance at today’s meeting; 4 AIDS Administration staff, 24 guests. Total 28. | |

Respectfully Submitted, Chelsea Strength



Eastern Regional Advisory Committee HIV Prevention Dialogue Notes: May 14, 2009

What are the current prevention needs in your community?

- A prevention project geared toward Men who have Sex with Men
- Also an educational program geared toward seniors/senior center
- Tying the prevention project into general senior wellness 60 & up
- Group intervention and support for Men who have Sex with Men
- Outreach
- Who has the competency to reach out to Men who have Sex with Men? Note: trading drugs for sex
- Trading Targeting: straight men selling themselves to Men who have Sex with Men for drugs then possibly passing to partner or injection drug users or girlfriends, etc. It becomes a dangerous unprotected cycle
- There are no activities on the shore that bring people together
- Focus on youth providing education in public schools and colleges starting in middle schools
- Policies that demand comprehensive sex education
- Youth message needs to get out that Oral sex is sex
- Making condoms readily available
- Existing programs require long time commitment
- Condoms not being used: perception of risk—heterosexual & Men who have Sex with Men, repeat Sexually Transmitted Infections, partner negotiations, Coming out of incarceration facilities
- Aim the prevention at youth
- Focus on prevention with positives
- More education for people re: HIV/AIDS for general population
- Barriers—not open about diagnosis, people don't understand or do not accept
- Prevention/ Education for senior centers, churches, less conventional
- Target messages to seniors
- Focus messages to Men who have Sex with Men population
- Inmates in correctional facilities
- Lack of good incentives
- Lack of substance abuse treatment—too short—payment/insurance
- Increasing population of young Men who have Sex with Men (colleges, partying, internet, etc.)
- Mental health issues – barrier to staying in program—lack of treatment services



What services or activities are currently available in your community to reduce HIV transmission?

- Condom Distribution Con: education needs to be improved
- Outreach Groups: ex: Sororities, Jails
- Education Programs
- Pharaoh (Dorchester, Wicomico)
- Injecting Drug Users program (Dorchester)
- Prevention for + (Dorchester, Wicomico)
- SISTA (Dorchester)
- Counseling, Testing and Referrals (all counties)
- HIV treatment services (Chase Braxton, Wicomico)
- Partner Notification
- Migrant Outreach
- Free condoms
- STD clinics
- Support Groups (Cecil, Wicomico, Dorchester, Regional Mid Shore)
- General Outreach (Health Fairs, etc.)
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Church outreach
- Jail-based services
- Health fairs
- Services to reduce HIV
- Testing resources
- Outreach education
- Cecil County work release program education
- Talbot County go to actual detention centers and addictions program testing
- Cecil County HAVEN house educations
- Doctors and Case managers talk to clients about HIV prevention and education
- Wicomico at detention centers education and refer for testing
- Talbot County- volunteer goes in to addiction program to educate
- Wicomico County—SISTA and PHAROAH Programs
- Housing
- Transportation Assistance



What additional services or activities are needed to reduce HIV transmission?

- Address the Barriers:
 - Discrimination
 - Stigma
 - Public Institutions not collaborating
 - Religion/ We need to get the religious community on board
 - Politics
 - Denial
- Public television/Media
- Bars/Nightclubs
- To go to public schools, recommend liaison from AIDS Administration to work with the schools/Maryland State Department of Education or get students to establish group
- Awareness campaigns to churches, senior centers, hospitals, private doctors, etc.
- Go to schools to talk to teens about HIV prevention and education
- Find out more about red cross HIV education programs
- Speakers that are HIV positive to speak to various groups
- Establish a clearing house for information regarding HIV prevention services
- Education to youth and young adults
- Money
- Incentives
- Transportation to programs
- Staff
- Funding for staff and transportation
- Education to reduce stigma
- Programs that focus\ on rural culture (programs from city do not always work here)
- Shorter duration programs
- More drug treatment & mental health programs
- Men who have Sex with Men targeted outreach
- Outreach into churches and general population
- Church Involvement
- Alternatives to health department based programs
- HIV Testing information/ Outreach
- Each county should have prevention services available
- Expand Counseling and Testing on Eastern Shore
- Train school nurses to do counseling and testing
- Put HIV prevention messages to Anti-Drug campaigns
- Technical assistance for local health departments for grant writing

Respectfully Submitted,
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